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Fraud Investigation Report Summary July – September 2007

In California, fraud prevention and detection is an integral part of the overall management of public assistance programs. The fraud prevention program is administered at the local level by 58 county welfare departments. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for developing regulations and disseminating policy information/interpretation to local entities. Within the county welfare departments, the income and maintenance units have primary responsibility for determining eligibility and computing grant amounts. If fraud is suspected, the case is referred for investigation to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU). At the discretion of the county, the SIU may be placed in the county welfare department or within another county law enforcement agency such as the District Attorney's or Sheriff's Office. It is the responsibility of the SIU to conduct an investigation of such cases for the purpose of establishing whether or not evidence exists to support a charge of welfare fraud.

The Fraud Investigation Report provides statewide and county-specific fraud activity data on the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp programs. Investigation activity by the SIUs is reflected in this report. Data shown represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication.

The following three reports are the data sources for this publication, and are available on the CDSS Research and Data Reports (RADR) internet website at <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report
July, August and September 2007
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
July and August 2007 (August 2007 data used for September 2007)
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Benefit Issuance Report
July and August 2007 (August 2007 data used for September 2007)

Unless otherwise stated, each data item in the publication is a quarterly rollup of three months of data from the DPA 266 – Fraud Investigation Activity Report.

CalWORKs Statewide Highlights July - September 2007

Investigation Requests

- **35,834** requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of **11,945** investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents **2.59%** of the **460,512** CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during **July - September 2007**).
- **34,745** investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is **97%** of the **35,834** investigation requests received.
 - ▶ **24,871 (72%)** were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ **5,179 (15%)** were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, homeless assistance, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced warrants, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - ▶ **2,896 (8%)** were family (household) composition requests.
 - ▶ **1,799 (5%)** were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
- **89,813** investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ **55,068 (61%)** of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **34,745 (39%)** of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- **31,748** investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is **35%** of the **89,813** total investigations available.
 - ▶ **10,628 (33%)** of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ **21,120 (67%)** of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the **31,748** completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ **6,767 (21%)** of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ **1,780 (6%)** of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ **1,740 (5%)** of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ **1,704 (5%)** of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ **1,357 (4%)** of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ **553 (2%)** of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ **42 (.13%)** of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.
 - ▶ Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the **31,748** are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- **2,627** referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ **1,945 (74%)** were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **682 (26%)** were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were **2,627** referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - ▶ **392 prosecutions** were filed. This is **15%** of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were **392** prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - ▶ **324 convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overpayments and Collections

- **\$5,364,427 fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- **\$3,659,199 collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overpayments identified in prior quarters.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights July – September 2007

Investigation Requests

- **53,642** requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of **17,881** investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents **2.10%** of the **851,773** Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during **July – September 2007**).
- **52,081** investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is **97%** of the **53,642** investigation requests received.
 - ▶ **32,779 (63%)** were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ **12,027 (23%)** were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced Food Stamps, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - ▶ **4,166 (8%)** were family (household) composition requests.
 - ▶ **3,109 (6%)** were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
- **155,362** investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ **103,281 (66%)** of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **52,081 (34%)** of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- **51,171** investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is **33%** of the **155,362** total investigations available.
 - ▶ **16,208 (32%)** of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ **34,963 (68%)** of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the **51,171** completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ **9,495 (19%)** of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ **3,496 (7%)** of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ **2,678 (5%)** of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ **2,204 (4%)** of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ **1,444 (3%)** of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ **747 (1%)** of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ **52 (.10%)** of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.
 - ▶ Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the **51,171** are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- **4,596** referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ **3,542 (77%)** were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **1,054 (23%)** were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were **4,596** referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - ▶ **427 prosecutions** were filed. This is **9%** of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were **427** prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - ▶ **405 convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overissuances and Collections

- **\$3,250,157 fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- **\$2,536,188 collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overissuances identified in prior quarters.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**July - September 2007**

Below is a listing of the locations of each county's Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit(s).

County	County Welfare Department	District Attorney's Office	County Welfare Department and District Attorney's Office	Sheriff's Office
Statewide	26	21	9	2
Alameda			✓	
Alpine	✓			
Amador			✓	
Butte		✓		
Calaveras			✓	
Colusa		✓		
Contra Costa			✓	
Del Norte		✓		
El Dorado	✓			
Fresno		✓		
Glenn	✓			
Humboldt	✓			
Imperial		✓		
Inyo		✓		
Kern		✓		
Kings	✓			
Lake				✓
Lassen				✓
Los Angeles			✓	
Madera		✓		
Marin	✓			
Mariposa	✓			
Mendocino	✓			
Merced		✓		
Modoc		✓		
Mono		✓		
Monterey			✓	
Napa	✓			
Nevada	✓			
Orange		✓		
Placer	✓			
Plumas	✓			
Riverside	✓			
Sacramento	✓			
San Benito	✓			
San Bernardino	✓			
San Diego		✓		
San Francisco			✓	
San Joaquin		✓		
San Luis Obispo	✓			
San Mateo	✓			
Santa Barbara		✓		
Santa Clara		✓		
Santa Cruz	✓			
Shasta		✓		
Sierra	✓			
Siskiyou		✓		
Solano	✓			
Sonoma	✓			
Stanislaus	✓			
Sutter			✓	
Tehama		✓		
Trinity	✓			
Tulare		✓		
Tuolumne	✓			
Ventura		✓		
Yolo			✓	
Yuba	✓			

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Tables

TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
July - September 2007

County	CalWORKs Caseload ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	460,512	35,834	34,745	31,748	10,628	21,120	56,166
Alameda	18,485	658	658	408	233	175	1,167
Alpine	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	279	25	25	25	12	13	31
Butte	3,584	328	328	295	63	232	459
Calaveras	405	211	211	211	64	147	0
Colusa	186	4	4	6	2	4	3
Contra Costa	8,963	224	191	188	142	46	158
Del Norte	794	11	11	2	1	1	105
El Dorado	918	94	94	154	77	77	222
Fresno	24,646	219	219	246	99	147	1,196
Glenn	482	269	269	158	52	106	447
Humboldt	1,770	245	244	258	65	193	72
Imperial	3,952	138	138	127	71	56	805
Inyo	133	2	1	0	0	0	29
Kern	17,015	995	983	608	341	267	1,021
Kings	2,512	558	558	591	189	402	188
Lake	1,090	55	55	54	30	24	101
Lassen	487	75	75	81	13	68	5
Los Angeles	142,295	6,254	5,556	6,580	2,227	4,353	26,537
Madera	2,776	615	615	555	42	513	156
Marin	889	25	25	36	19	17	367
Mariposa	155	5	5	0	0	0	53
Mendocino	1,364	52	52	54	28	26	428
Merced	7,033	368	354	321	163	158	318
Modoc	145	42	42	30	6	24	23
Mono	37	0	0	0	0	0	5
Monterey	4,013	273	271	250	52	198	395
Napa	528	20	20	11	5	6	162
Nevada	564	8	4	7	7	0	69
Orange	15,447	2,578	2,578	2,200	1,200	1,000	1,701
Placer	1,656	34	34	37	13	24	187
Plumas	151	12	12	13	7	6	3
Riverside	20,987	5,454	5,413	5,383	453	4,930	2,301
Sacramento	28,372	1,649	1,578	688	210	478	3,705
San Benito	653	22	22	24	14	10	17
San Bernardino	33,047	4,007	4,007	1,820	849	971	1,311
San Diego	23,870	4,331	4,259	4,079	1,327	2,752	1,061
San Francisco	4,631	30	30	829	390	439	2,235
San Joaquin	14,663	180	173	184	130	54	96
San Luis Obispo	1,708	101	101	77	25	52	288
San Mateo	2,194	203	203	1	1	0	2,658
Santa Barbara	3,856	159	159	183	90	93	140
Santa Clara	14,054	285	272	214	100	114	418
Santa Cruz	2,083	593	592	581	119	462	29
Shasta	3,034	234	234	258	164	94	214
Sierra	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	803	491	491	484	184	300	35
Solano	5,471	1,114	1,105	1,046	237	809	1,061
Sonoma	2,932	122	122	111	46	65	387
Stanislaus	9,747	817	708	720	456	264	1,535
Sutter	1,306	133	133	119	72	47	74
Tehama	1,240	171	171	194	47	147	23
Trinity	204	22	22	19	0	19	61
Tulare	12,331	209	209	154	36	118	999
Tuolumne	482	42	41	48	24	24	13
Ventura	6,399	199	199	182	82	100	357
Yolo	1,890	130	130	104	34	70	711
Yuba	1,762	739	739	740	315	425	24

a/ Effective with the January 2003 report month, the source form (CA 237 CW) was changed to collect families data from Two Parent Families, Zero Parent Families, All Other Families, TANF Timed-Out Cases and Safety Net Cases. The data is a monthly average for the quarter. NOTE: County numbers may not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 September Item 7 Investigations pending at end of month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter, from DPA 266 July 2007 Item 4 was 55,068.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
July - September 2007

County	Early Fraud Prevention/Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	24,871	1,799	2,896	857	1,065	340	2,917
Alameda	515	79	19	15	9	3	18
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	6	2	0	3	14
Butte	147	3	32	11	4	1	130
Calaveras	162	3	17	4	11	2	12
Colusa	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Contra Costa	149	13	8	11	9	0	1
Del Norte	1	2	2	3	0	3	0
El Dorado	16	25	15	7	12	2	17
Fresno	74	30	70	20	12	2	11
Glenn	174	9	21	22	13	2	28
Humboldt	17	0	65	24	4	105	29
Imperial	53	0	23	17	40	1	4
Inyo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	537	32	237	40	52	41	44
Kings	450	0	58	30	8	0	12
Lake	5	0	22	4	11	2	11
Lassen	64	0	5	1	2	3	0
Los Angeles	3,791	525	158	65	0	51	966
Madera	563	1	23	19	2	2	5
Marin	5	2	2	1	2	0	13
Mariposa	0	0	2	1	1	0	1
Mendocino	5	12	7	10	3	3	12
Merced	101	23	111	29	21	1	68
Modoc	26	0	4	5	4	2	1
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	59	9	1	1	43	1	157
Napa	1	0	8	1	1	2	7
Nevada	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Orange	2,445	40	15	7	2	4	65
Placer	0	0	21	8	3	1	1
Plumas	4	0	3	0	5	0	0
Riverside	4,931	173	157	33	17	3	99
Sacramento	998	358	27	48	75	0	72
San Benito	0	5	4	4	0	1	8
San Bernardino	2,010	27	952	131	340	11	536
San Diego	4,032	130	28	11	5	1	52
San Francisco	0	3	0	2	2	2	21
San Joaquin	109	0	27	2	3	0	32
San Luis Obispo	34	0	15	3	7	10	32
San Mateo	84	1	41	33	19	5	20
Santa Barbara	69	4	32	11	6	0	37
Santa Clara	170	26	52	13	4	3	4
Santa Cruz	566	0	6	5	6	0	9
Shasta	149	4	44	12	10	1	14
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	242	0	54	0	100	31	64
Solano	880	143	15	17	23	12	15
Sonoma	26	45	21	7	5	2	16
Stanislaus	220	39	249	23	103	12	62
Sutter	103	4	9	9	1	0	7
Tehama	12	1	45	23	20	3	67
Trinity	3	1	5	1	4	0	8
Tulare	0	7	90	68	7	3	34
Tuolumne	14	0	6	1	2	1	17
Ventura	193	3	1	0	0	0	2
Yolo	48	15	30	20	8	0	9
Yuba	611	2	29	22	23	2	50

a/ "Other" includes homeless assistance, duplicate warrants, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 3
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
July - September 2007

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	6,767	553	42	1,780	1,704	1,740	1,357
Alameda	273	6	0	25	1	23	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	5	1	0	0	3	4	0
Butte	47	1	0	3	17	2	0
Calaveras	48	0	0	3	11	2	0
Colusa	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Contra Costa	25	7	0	18	0	4	0
Del Norte	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	3	1	0	0	18	55	25
Fresno	25	18	23	0	42	0	46
Glenn	11	1	0	3	8	29	0
Humboldt	23	4	0	19	22	10	0
Imperial	1	0	0	1	29	18	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	143	8	0	34	88	43	0
Kings	144	4	0	2	19	20	1
Lake	5	2	0	5	16	6	0
Lassen	12	1	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	1,323	107	0	683	20	597	0
Madera	9	8	0	3	19	3	0
Marin	1	0	0	5	9	4	1
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	0	0	18	0	7	0
Merced	30	23	0	33	92	16	0
Modoc	2	0	0	0	2	4	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	60	3	0	0	22	9	32
Napa	2	0	0	2	0	1	0
Nevada	5	0	0	1	1	0	0
Orange	800	15	0	15	355	134	0
Placer	3	0	0	1	6	3	0
Plumas	2	2	0	0	0	3	0
Riverside	381	33	0	189	4	15	1
Sacramento	477	30	12	25	46	8	1,239
San Benito	1	1	0	3	8	1	0
San Bernardino	651	20	0	34	341	179	0
San Diego	1,019	9	0	147	69	161	0
San Francisco	0	118	0	272	0	0	8
San Joaquin	50	16	0	0	34	30	0
San Luis Obispo	12	0	0	0	13	7	0
San Mateo	70	1	0	10	28	11	0
Santa Barbara	29	12	0	21	37	10	0
Santa Clara	77	6	0	1	4	12	2
Santa Cruz	113	0	0	1	4	1	0
Shasta	84	11	0	9	25	35	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	83	0	0	27	31	43	0
Solano	165	10	0	14	26	12	0
Sonoma	9	2	1	19	27	33	0
Stanislaus	132	23	6	108	150	112	0
Sutter	35	2	0	3	1	31	0
Tehama	11	9	0	2	21	4	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tulare	0	15	0	3	11	7	0
Tuolumne	4	6	0	3	4	7	0
Ventura	81	1	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	15	9	0	4	3	4	0
Yuba	262	7	0	10	17	19	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 1.

TABLE 4
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
July - September 2007

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	682	2,627	392	103
Alameda	15	17	4	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	1	8	2	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	2	11	3	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	1	12	1	0
Fresno	18	22	21	0
Glenn	0	1	1	0
Humboldt	4	7	3	0
Imperial	0	47	0	0
Inyo	2	2	0	1
Kern	11	61	7	0
Kings	4	11	3	1
Lake	2	24	2	3
Lassen	0	6	0	1
Los Angeles	107	476	119	1
Madera	8	8	8	0
Marin	0	3	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	5	0	0
Merced	23	107	3	0
Modoc	0	1	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	3	61	5	0
Napa	0	12	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	12	57	8	0
Placer	0	0	0	0
Plumas	2	3	0	0
Riverside	32	55	32	6
Sacramento	0	360	27	0
San Benito	1	7	0	1
San Bernardino	20	73	2	0
San Diego	9	24	23	1
San Francisco	118	207	1	3
San Joaquin	16	105	15	0
San Luis Obispo	101	365	0	77
San Mateo	1	1	1	0
Santa Barbara	12	12	7	5
Santa Clara	0	5	9	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0
Shasta	11	26	24	1
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	71	152	0	0
Solano	10	152	2	0
Sonoma	2	5	2	0
Stanislaus	23	23	24	0
Sutter	3	3	3	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	1	0	0
Tulare	15	15	14	1
Tuolumne	6	19	0	0
Ventura	1	25	1	0
Yolo	9	9	9	0
Yuba	6	18	6	1

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 July 2007 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus July, August and September 2007's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
July - September 2007

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	324	6	13	162	93	0	6	0
Alameda	11	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	27	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kings	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	62	0	0	0	21	0	0	0
Madera	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	18	0	0	0	41	0	0	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	3	0	0	12	1	0	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	49	0	0	56	2	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Diego	24	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
San Francisco	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
San Joaquin	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	9	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	34	0	0	61	7	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	22	0	0	16	1	0	0	0
Tuolumne	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Ventura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	1	0	1	5	0	0	1	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 6
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS
July - September 2007

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$5,364,427	\$3,659,199
Alameda	163,421	193,852
Alpine	0	0
Amador	4,720	190
Butte	130	4,162
Calaveras	536	1,703
Colusa	0	162
Contra Costa	47,086	36,090
Del Norte	8,560	25,894
El Dorado	21,413	12,648
Fresno	52,077	112,567
Glenn	7,078	7,829
Humboldt	15,708	4,184
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	0
Kern	60,219	89,419
Kings	5,534	33,491
Lake	25,174	4,810
Lassen	143	771
Los Angeles	2,623,881	1,288,174
Madera	16,804	8,142
Marin	7,678	17,376
Mariposa	0	519
Mendocino	32,060	13,801
Merced	75,292	25,390
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	9,675	59,798
Napa	714	3,609
Nevada	1,169	2,118
Orange	109,124	101,756
Placer	0	34,569
Plumas	418	1,147
Riverside	275,612	263,752
Sacramento	416,252	236,904
San Benito	7,711	10,796
San Bernardino	190,014	116,913
San Diego	351,908	112,155
San Francisco	121,638	57,853
San Joaquin	47,262	59,916
San Luis Obispo	0	4,103
San Mateo	37,265	5,399
Santa Barbara	53,201	116,994
Santa Clara	71,926	263,899
Santa Cruz	0	1,549
Shasta	43,486	11,834
Sierra	7,936	1,625
Siskiyou	7,310	4,800
Solano	56,033	78,156
Sonoma	25,347	39,947
Stanislaus	181,938	114,022
Sutter	9,719	9,036
Tehama	0	1,871
Trinity	0	405
Tulare	120,858	21,842
Tuolumne	6,772	2,295
Ventura	10,469	342
Yolo	12,927	31,432
Yuba	20,229	7,187

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
July - September 2007

County	Participating Households ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	851,773	53,642	52,081	51,171	16,208	34,963	103,600
Alameda	33,060	1,394	1,394	867	381	486	1,410
Alpine	38	4	2	0	0	0	0
Amador	603	59	59	58	17	41	33
Butte	8,043	414	413	384	110	274	490
Calaveras	886	557	557	557	154	403	0
Colusa	455	8	8	19	3	16	4
Contra Costa	14,654	288	255	281	205	76	285
Del Norte	1,745	15	15	9	5	4	182
El Dorado	1,958	186	186	222	112	110	232
Fresno	45,309	245	242	223	96	127	1,007
Glenn	854	509	509	321	115	206	743
Humboldt	4,765	347	346	358	114	244	90
Imperial	6,977	138	138	127	71	56	871
Inyo	462	4	2	0	0	0	30
Kern	29,220	1,240	1,227	861	540	321	1,409
Kings	5,382	928	928	982	269	713	258
Lake	2,389	114	114	111	67	44	128
Lassen	887	163	163	172	28	144	5
Los Angeles	275,509	12,145	11,127	11,992	3,475	8,517	59,970
Madera	5,523	899	899	895	73	822	338
Marin	2,535	90	90	97	43	54	878
Mariposa	360	10	10	1	1	0	90
Mendocino	3,777	112	112	108	60	48	1,401
Merced	11,213	651	628	591	298	293	495
Modoc	265	83	80	54	14	40	57
Mono	129	0	0	0	0	0	2
Monterey	7,396	510	508	482	97	385	519
Napa	1,178	68	68	37	14	23	264
Nevada	1,297	16	14	32	31	1	80
Orange	31,590	3,372	3,372	3,119	1,610	1,509	1,831
Placer	3,155	49	49	45	20	25	231
Plumas	288	42	42	33	19	14	28
Riverside	32,554	9,444	9,391	9,024	784	8,240	3,847
Sacramento	47,141	1,354	1,274	623	218	405	4,474
San Benito	1,385	26	26	28	17	11	34
San Bernardino	52,829	3,408	3,408	3,167	1,328	1,839	768
San Diego	35,858	4,304	4,218	4,036	1,342	2,694	1,020
San Francisco	19,497	137	137	2,110	972	1,138	4,643
San Joaquin	21,260	199	192	198	144	54	108
San Luis Obispo	3,843	215	215	151	60	91	391
San Mateo	3,948	493	493	2	2	0	6,319
Santa Barbara	7,640	329	329	353	151	202	133
Santa Clara	26,041	333	301	243	114	129	602
Santa Cruz	5,602	1,457	1,456	1,442	162	1,280	28
Shasta	6,071	428	428	478	263	215	297
Sierra	76	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	1,649	975	975	978	397	581	103
Solano	9,109	1,267	1,255	1,164	302	862	1,565
Sonoma	6,853	366	366	330	107	223	810
Stanislaus	16,818	1,523	1,340	1,170	781	389	2,518
Sutter	2,300	297	297	272	135	137	117
Tehama	2,326	171	171	194	47	147	19
Trinity	439	45	45	49	0	49	116
Tulare	24,640	221	221	170	40	130	757
Tuolumne	1,284	105	101	109	65	44	33
Ventura	13,244	300	300	267	128	139	500
Yolo	4,076	227	227	204	67	137	1,002
Yuba	3,389	1,358	1,358	1,371	540	831	35

a/ Data is the monthly average of the Federal and State Public Assistance and Nonassistance Food Stamp participating households from the DFA 256 report. NOTE: County numbers may not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 September 2007 Item 7 Investigations pending at the end of the month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the beginning of the quarter from DPA 266 July 2007 Item 4 was 103,281.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
July - September 2007

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	32,779	3,109	4,166	1,353	1,812	494	8,368
Alameda	646	18	18	17	14	3	678
Alpine	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	6	2	2	3	46
Butte	194	4	41	14	6	1	153
Calaveras	490	3	21	8	15	7	13
Colusa	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Contra Costa	174	32	10	16	22	0	1
Del Norte	1	2	1	6	1	3	1
El Dorado	34	46	18	9	29	3	47
Fresno	86	37	76	26	13	2	2
Glenn	323	19	30	53	25	5	54
Humboldt	17	1	88	27	4	107	102
Imperial	53	0	23	17	40	1	4
Inyo	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	629	59	275	55	93	67	49
Kings	774	4	71	48	16	0	15
Lake	8	0	27	7	25	2	45
Lassen	150	0	5	2	3	3	0
Los Angeles	5,876	1,235	214	297	0	89	3,416
Madera	822	3	28	27	6	3	10
Marin	11	2	2	5	7	1	62
Mariposa	0	1	4	2	1	0	2
Mendocino	11	37	19	13	5	5	22
Merced	135	47	136	55	61	1	193
Modoc	55	0	8	7	5	2	3
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	72	12	1	1	64	0	358
Napa	4	0	12	4	1	3	44
Nevada	8	0	2	1	3	0	0
Orange	3,301	37	14	7	2	5	6
Placer	1	0	26	10	4	1	7
Plumas	29	0	4	1	6	0	2
Riverside	8,193	352	575	41	19	4	207
Sacramento	637	347	28	42	78	0	142
San Benito	0	7	5	3	0	1	10
San Bernardino	1	42	1,175	197	464	18	1,511
San Diego	3,942	224	28	11	6	2	5
San Francisco	1	5	0	2	84	2	43
San Joaquin	120	0	29	2	4	1	36
San Luis Obispo	73	1	17	7	30	13	74
San Mateo	178	2	47	46	83	5	132
Santa Barbara	205	12	38	14	6	0	54
Santa Clara	194	24	57	17	4	3	2
Santa Cruz	1,341	0	12	10	12	0	81
Shasta	306	10	52	14	16	0	30
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	519	0	132	0	185	80	59
Solano	944	193	16	19	41	13	29
Sonoma	37	145	23	15	7	4	135
Stanislaus	269	88	526	29	195	21	212
Sutter	259	12	8	8	5	0	5
Tehama	12	1	45	23	20	3	67
Trinity	15	0	6	1	6	0	17
Tulare	0	13	95	67	8	3	35
Tuolumne	39	0	6	2	4	1	49
Ventura	296	1	1	0	0	0	2
Yolo	123	20	34	22	11	0	17
Yuba	1,169	9	30	24	51	3	72

a/ "Other" includes replaced lost Food Stamps, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 9
Food Stamp Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
July - September 2007

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	9,495	747	52	3,496	2,678	2,204	1,444
Alameda	526	7	0	30	1	2	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	10	1	0	0	3	5	0
Butte	95	1	0	5	25	3	0
Calaveras	129	0	0	4	18	3	0
Colusa	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Contra Costa	63	8	0	49	0	9	0
Del Norte	2	0	0	0	4	0	0
El Dorado	3	1	0	0	29	89	29
Fresno	27	10	27	0	45	0	15
Glenn	32	2	0	6	21	54	0
Humboldt	43	7	0	33	45	11	0
Imperial	1	0	0	1	29	18	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	237	8	0	78	148	55	0
Kings	188	12	0	7	31	31	1
Lake	18	4	0	16	35	11	0
Lassen	29	1	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	2,075	106	0	1,129	101	848	0
Madera	10	13	0	13	32	5	0
Marin	3	0	0	5	27	8	1
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	7	0	0	44	0	9	1
Merced	41	44	0	71	162	44	0
Modoc	9	1	0	0	3	6	1
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	79	3	0	0	33	28	39
Napa	7	0	0	3	2	2	0
Nevada	23	0	0	4	4	0	0
Orange	1,143	18	0	21	442	130	0
Placer	3	0	0	2	12	3	0
Plumas	16	2	0	0	1	8	0
Riverside	623	39	0	361	4	22	1
Sacramento	422	21	14	36	101	21	1,335
San Benito	2	1	0	3	10	1	0
San Bernardino	746	31	0	45	455	44	0
San Diego	945	9	0	237	120	160	0
San Francisco	1	221	0	746	1	2	13
San Joaquin	60	20	0	1	37	26	0
San Luis Obispo	24	0	0	4	31	13	0
San Mateo	137	2	0	35	38	22	0
Santa Barbara	71	16	0	33	48	12	0
Santa Clara	88	5	0	3	4	15	2
Santa Cruz	133	0	0	8	19	2	0
Shasta	133	27	0	9	37	57	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	181	0	0	48	90	78	0
Solano	194	10	0	20	49	13	2
Sonoma	11	3	1	47	29	66	0
Stanislaus	186	29	10	287	268	157	0
Sutter	61	2	0	8	2	62	0
Tehama	11	9	0	2	21	4	0
Trinity	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Tulare	0	18	0	4	11	7	1
Tuolumne	16	8	0	14	10	17	0
Ventura	127	1	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	39	14	0	6	5	4	0
Yuba	461	12	0	17	35	15	0

^{a/} This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 7.

TABLE 10
Food Stamp Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
July - September 2007

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,054	4,596	427	198
Alameda	17	348	4	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	1	9	3	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	2	15	3	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	1	12	1	0
Fresno	10	13	13	0
Glenn	0	1	1	0
Humboldt	7	10	4	0
Imperial	0	48	0	0
Inyo	4	4	0	2
Kern	11	62	7	0
Kings	12	24	5	1
Lake	4	29	2	3
Lassen	0	8	0	1
Los Angeles	106	1,348	116	1
Madera	13	13	13	0
Marin	0	4	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	5	0	0
Merced	44	180	5	0
Modoc	0	1	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	3	67	5	0
Napa	0	14	0	0
Nevada	0	1	0	0
Orange	16	61	13	0
Placer	0	0	0	0
Plumas	2	4	0	0
Riverside	39	70	39	9
Sacramento	0	360	18	0
San Benito	1	11	0	1
San Bernardino	31	103	2	1
San Diego	9	82	23	0
San Francisco	221	351	1	7
San Joaquin	20	149	16	0
San Luis Obispo	215	542	0	151
San Mateo	2	4	2	0
Santa Barbara	15	15	8	7
Santa Clara	0	6	8	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0
Shasta	27	50	37	9
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	125	276	0	0
Solano	10	147	2	0
Sonoma	3	8	3	1
Stanislaus	29	29	30	0
Sutter	5	5	4	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	1	0	0
Tulare	18	18	17	1
Tuolumne	8	26	0	0
Ventura	1	19	1	0
Yolo	16	16	14	2
Yuba	6	22	7	1

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 July 2007 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus July, August and September 2007's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
July - September 2007

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	405	8	27	197	120	0	7	0
Alameda	12	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	27	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kings	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	87	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
Madera	3	1	11	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	33	0	0	0	70	0	0	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	5	0	0	17	3	0	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	70	0	0	77	2	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
San Diego	22	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
San Francisco	1	2	0	2	0	0	3	0
San Joaquin	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	40	0	0	70	7	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	23	0	0	16	1	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Ventura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	1	0	2	6	0	0	1	0

^{a/} This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 12
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD OVERISSUANCES AND COLLECTIONS
July - September 2007

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$3,250,157	\$2,536,188
Alameda	89,314	46,664
Alpine	0	0
Amador	786	114
Butte	1,966	3,791
Calaveras	3,523	1,181
Colusa	0	315
Contra Costa	62,544	16,836
Del Norte	11,731	10,364
El Dorado	43,662	13,629
Fresno	47,542	116,852
Glenn	14,176	7,016
Humboldt	9,036	4,678
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	0
Kern	77,386	99,602
Kings	8,598	34,374
Lake	25,278	2,121
Lassen	26	52
Los Angeles	741,910	123,357
Madera	24,735	9,997
Marin	1,574	13,530
Mariposa	0	672
Mendocino	49,903	14,587
Merced	93,029	113,755
Modoc	0	640
Mono	0	0
Monterey	5,167	32,157
Napa	3,664	7,145
Nevada	3,440	2,528
Orange	87,492	59,628
Placer	0	27,185
Plumas	1,854	1,222
Riverside	353,535	659,213
Sacramento	183,920	65,203
San Benito	5,428	8,456
San Bernardino	158,599	94,587
San Diego	229,773	107,964
San Francisco	265,256	67,898
San Joaquin	48,238	19,609
San Luis Obispo	1,381	6,232
San Mateo	19,597	2,411
Santa Barbara	36,035	109,839
Santa Clara	46,829	139,100
Santa Cruz	0	1,392
Shasta	42,075	18,730
Sierra	0	578
Siskiyou	11,520	8,600
Solano	39,830	69,205
Sonoma	28,918	32,430
Stanislaus	230,904	281,572
Sutter	10,502	1,536
Tehama	0	1,075
Trinity	0	117
Tulare	70,366	27,691
Tuolumne	9,896	6,182
Ventura	12,287	4,269
Yolo	11,809	32,342
Yuba	25,123	5,964



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